Pay scales of non-teaching employees

2825. SHRI SYED AZEEZ PASHA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has proposed to bring the non-teaching employees pay-scale under the purview of "UGC Pay Committee" which was framed already in the background of Sixth Pay Commission;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) to (c) The University Grants Commission Pay Review Committee has been constituted, independent of the Sixth Central Pay Commission, and its terms of reference are limited to teachers and academic staff in universities and colleges. It has been decided that the pay scales and other service conditions of non-academic staff shall be considered separately in the light of the recommendations of the Sixth Central Pay Commission as may be accepted by the Central Government.

Expenditure on Education

2826. SHRI JESUDASU SEELAM: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether to improve the state of edcuation in the country, Government plans to increase the expenditure on this sector to Rs. 2,77,837 crore in Eleventh Five Year Plan, from Rs. 59,181 crore in Tenth Five Year Plan;

(b) whether this spending includes expenditure on elementary, adult and higher education;

(c) whether according to Planning Commission's data, total public spending, plan and non-plan, on education in 2006-07 was about 3.79 per cent of the gross domestic product and this is expected to increase to 5 per cent of GDP by the end of the Eleventh Five Year Plan; and

(d) to what extent this raising of fund would help in improving the education?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) and (b) As per Eleventh Five Year Plan, as approved by National Development Council (NDC), an allocation of Rs. 269873 crore has been provided to the Ministry of Human Resource Development (HRD) (Rs. 184930 crore for the Department of School Education & Literacy, and Rs. 84943 crore for the Department of Higher Education) as compared to a total expenditure of about Rs. 58624 crore during the Tenth Five Year Plan. This allocation of Ministry of HRD for Eleventh Five Year Plan includes allocations for elementary, secondary, adult, general higher and technical education.

(c) Planning Commission has indicated that substantial increase proposed in allocation for Ministry of Human Resource Development during Eleventh Five Year Plan over the Tenth Five Year Plan expenditure, reflects the high priority being given to education sector and represents a credible progress towards raising the public spending to 6% of the GDP. As per the data available with Ministry of Human Resource Development, public expenditure on Education as percentage of GDP during 2006-07 is about. 3.6%.